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CBS News covers a chemical's tragic impact; points to urgent need to ban high-risk uses of methylene chloride

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This morning, CBS News focused on [the tragic story](#) of Kevin Hartley—a young man who died at the age of 21 while working with a product that contains methylene chloride. Kevin's story, powerfully relayed by his mother Wendy, illustrates the need to ban high-risk uses of this chemical.

As we have [previously noted](#), in January, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to ban methylene chloride in paint and coating removal products. The agency based its proposal on an extensive assessment of the scientific literature, which demonstrated not only lethal risks from acute exposures to methylene chloride but also a host of other acute and chronic health [impacts](#), like harm to the central nervous system, liver toxicity, and cancer.

Products containing this chemical can be readily found in most hardware stores in America and more tragedies are all but certain, if EPA does not promptly finalize its proposed ban.

The ongoing debates in Washington over the implementation of a new chemical safety law passed just last year are often dense and dry. In sharing her son Kevin's story, Wendy Hartley reminds us that how these policies are applied has a very real human impact. That is why EDF continues to demand EPA better protect American families from toxic chemicals like the one highlighted by CBS News today.

Please watch the story: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/dangers-of-common-paint-stripper-chemical-methylene-chloride/>

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